

Remarks/Arguments:

In response to the requirement for restriction to a single inventive Group, Applicants elect Group I, encompassing claims 1-17 directed to lipophilic conjugates, cyclic analogs and salts thereof, that include SEQ ID NOS:1-46. The election is made without traverse. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-55 will be pending. Claims 18-55 are withdrawn as directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of non-elected claims in later-filed continuing or divisional applications. Applicants also reserve their right to rejoinder of the withdrawn composition and process claims pursuant to MPEP § 821.04 upon notification of an allowable product claim.

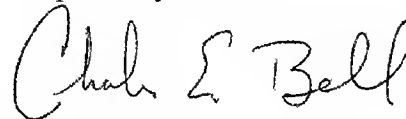
The Examiner further requires that, attendant to the election of Group I Applicants select (i) a specific and fully defined lipophilic conjugate and (ii) an exhibited function of the conjugate. Applicants hereby provisionally elect the lipophilic conjugate of SEQ ID NO:10 as it relates to use for antibacterial activity. Applicants submit that Claims 1-10, 15, 18-27, 32, 35-45, 47 and 53-55 as presented herein read on the elected species. The species elections are made without traverse. Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants are entitled to claim additional non-elected species that fully embrace the allowed generic claim.

Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing remarks, action on the merits of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Without an extension of time, this response is due on or before November 13, 2007 - the nominal due date of November 10, 2007 occurring on a Saturday, and November 12, 2007 being a recognized Federal Holiday (Veteran's Day). Accordingly, this response is timely filed and no fee is believed due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 08-1935, Reference No. 2488.031.

Respectfully submitted,

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